

Appln. No. 09/885,886
Amdt. Dated August 27, 2003
Reply to Office Action of May 21, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

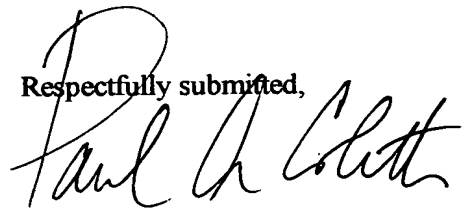
The specification has been amended to reflect the priority of the related applications.

Claims 41-47 remain in this application. Claims 1-40 and 48-68 have been canceled.

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with, copies of the foreign documents only, cited therein.

Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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